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### III. Licensing, Taxation, and Registration

#### A. Vehicles

#### 3. Nature and Amount of Tax

##### b. Particular Methods of Determining Amount

## § 76. Load, carrying, or seating capacity of vehicle

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### West's Key Number Digest

West's Key Number Digest, [Automobiles](#)  46, 98

The amount of the fee or tax to be exacted in connection with the licensing or registration of a motor vehicle may properly be graduated according to the seating<sup>1</sup> or load or carrying<sup>2</sup> capacity of the vehicle, at least insofar as the statute providing for the fee or tax is a revenue measure enacted under the taxing power. Such a classification of vehicles is reasonable, proper, and valid, as it is based on a uniform, fair, and practicable standard.<sup>3</sup> In addition, a motor vehicle license or registration fee or tax based upon seating<sup>4</sup> or load or carrying<sup>5</sup> capacity is not invalid when laid on motor carriers in interstate commerce, if there is no discrimination against them in contrast with those engaged in intrastate commerce.

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### Footnotes

- 1 [Ayres v. City of Chicago](#), 239 Ill. 237, 87 N.E. 1073 (1909); [Iowa Motor Vehicle Ass'n v. Board of R.R. Com'rs](#), 207 Iowa 461, 221 N.W. 364, 75 A.L.R. 1 (1928), [aff'd](#), 280 U.S. 529, 50 S. Ct. 151, 74 L. Ed. 595 (1930); [Camas Stage Co. v. Kozier](#), 104 Or. 600, 209 P. 95, 25 A.L.R. 27 (1922).
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- 3 [Pine Bluff Transfer Co. v. Nichol](#), 140 Ark. 320, 215 S.W. 579 (1919).
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